

Conservation Advisory Council—C.A.C.

Minutes 7/8/09 Meeting called to order 6:09(unofficial, due to attendance) ---official at 6:31pm

Attendance:

Members: Julie Noble, Allison Taylor, Judith Deming, Sidney Hymes(6:31pm), Gregg Swanzey

Guests: Charles Landi, Tom Hoffay, Casey A. Schwarz, Nicole Schmidt, Melissa Everett

Introductions made. Approval of minutes from last meeting—tabled

Next Meeting: Aug. 12, 2009 6:00pm Conference Room 2

Communications:

1. Sunshine Solar Systems
2. <http://1BOG.org> -----get names of people who may be able to do solar energy through research. Talk with Judith for more details.

Reports:

1. EMC Report—Gregg went to first meeting, 6/24/09 at 7:00pm, as an unofficial member. Julie made recommendation to mayor to make his membership official. This was a meeting of C.A.C. members from across county. Items discussed: Speaker from Ulster Soil and Water, Grants through the Farm bill USDA, open space, air quality. If you would like more info on grants contact Gregg at gswanzey@gmail.com
2. Hudsonia Biodiversity Assessment Training---cancelled last class. By October, the goal is to map significant habitats.
3. Planning Dept. /Board Report---will have joint meeting in either Sept. or Oct.
4. DEC update---Julie attended annual meeting of DEC in Albany. If you would like any further information email Julie. Items of interest at meeting: Climate Smart Community Pledge, invasive species, firewood transportation/moving invasive species, Marcellas shale---hydrofracking, Bottle Bill, Pharm. disposal, open burning---regulations to come.

Administration:

1. NYSACCNY.org --we are now members!!
2. Judith went to the Green Jobs Forum---contact her for more information. Teleconference with people all over the state. It will be telecast through Cornell Coop Extension. Link to watch will be sent by Judith when she gets it.
3. Minutes accepted from last meeting---Gregg made a motion to accept, Allison 2nd.
4. Local Legislation---sent to Jim Noble to be approved.
5. Policy/Procedures---Sid, Val, and Julie will look over this for next meeting—and give report.
6. Board Recruitment---Valeria, Felipa, and Judith to be officially appointed by mayor. At this time, appointments are pending.

7. Board Priorities---Andrew and Judith made a goals/projects list. One is a web and one is a list. For next meeting we should come up with some committee recommendations to meet some of these goals.
8. Pay as you Throw Proposal Recommendation---Julie will be drafting a letter in support. She will have board approve letter before it is sent.
9. Kingston City Bike Trails Map----Thank You, Andrew!!!!
10. Green Job Pledge---Melissa Everett, Sustainable Hudson Valley. There are 2 ongoing goals with Sustainable Hudson Valley--- 1. Employment/training for green jobs 2. Climate change impact prevention. To get web link email Melissa at melissae@earthlink.net. She suggested we form committees to review both Green job Pledge and Climate Smart Communities. Julie commented that Green Jobs Pledge seems too restrictive. Climate smart is more unstructured. Tom Hoffay spoke. He is alderman in the 2nd ward. He is in support of the Green Pledge---due to job creation and revenue. He thinks climate smart is too holistic. Melissa clarified that you can get even more info regarding the Green job Pledge at greenjobspledge@greesforall.org . For more info on the Climate Smart Communities go to <http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/50845.html>
11. We will have a special meeting re: Green Jobs/Climate Smart Pledge. Julie will email everyone to check availability. We will want to have a resolution to present to the Laws and Rules Committee, prepared for the Aug. 12 meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40pm